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Today's HEADLINES

The War Situation— Singapore's Last Stand

The defenders of Singapore were bracing themselves for their last stand as the Japanese advance came within 18 miles of the Strait of Johore today. The Strait of Johore separates Singapore from the mainland.

There had been fierce fighting at Sedenac and the Kulai region yesterday and Tokyo claimed today that Sedenac fell last night. A Japanese drive down the west coast was keeping step with the main drive and 90,000 Japanese troops were said to have been hurled into the final assault on the island fortress. Japanese air raids were also taking toll of the Singapore defenders in their frequent attacks on the stronghold.

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Russians Advance But Allies Setback in Africa

In the west, the Russian advance was the only cheerful note for the Allies as superior Axis forces in Libya retook Bengazi and forced the Indian defenders to fall back. The Russians were menacing the Dnieper dam, in the Russo-German conflict. This point had been taken by the Nazis eleven months ago. And as Soviet troops were harrying the Huns, Hitler told the German people that he did not know whether the war would end this year or not.

Sub Off California Coast

On this side of the Pacific, the U.S. Navy announced that an enemy submarine had been sighted off the Calirofnia coast yesterday and the Navy was conducting a search for it.

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Pacific Council Headquarters To Be in Washington

In Australia it was announced today that the headquarters for the Pacific Council would be in Washington, D.C., by mutual approval of the Allied parties concerned.

Beer Parlours Are O.K. For The Duration

Good news for those off the wagon was the government report today that despite the request of the temperance groups, there will be no closing of beverage rooms and liquor shops.

No More Sugar Bowls

All sugar bowls are extinct from restaurant tables today as members of the local police force went about enforcing the regulations of the sugar rationing decree yesterday.

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FDR 60 Today

One half of the greatest co-starring team in the world, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, celebrated his 60th birthday today.

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Nisei and Chinese Help In High School Invention

A gadget invented by a Kitsilano High School metalwork teacher, Mr. F. Lowe is designed to eliminate the waste of time encountered in teaching cadets to aim a rifle. The students who assisted Mr. Lowe in the designing of this invention were a Nisei, Tsuneo Omotani, a Chinese, Russell Shumm, and two white students, Stan Mason and Ray Gould.

Citizens' League Thanked By Govt.

Acknowledgement of the telegram sent to the Prime Minister by the National Japanese Canadian Citizens' League is contained in a letter from Dr. H. L. Keenleyside, assistant under-secretary of State for External Affairs.

"I have been asked to acknowledge your telegram of January 14, addressed to the Prime Minister," wrote Dr. Keenleyside.

"He is gratified to know that the Japanese Canadian Citizens' League feel that the Canadian Government has dealt fairly and impartially with the difficult question with which it has been confronted in connection with Canadians of Japanese race and Japanese nationals in British Columbia and wishes me to thank you for the statement that the League is prepared to assist the Government in carrying out whatever measures is deemed necessary."

Storms Brewing In The U. S.

Grim signs of deepening feeling against resident Japanese Americans in the United States, both first and second generation, were appearing this week along the Pacific Coast, as Japan's military successes in the Far East continued.

Three weeks ago, Mike Masaoka, nationally-known secretary of the Japanese American Citizens' League, warned that the American second generation citizens and their alien parents would face tougher problems in the near future. **"The longer the war drags on—the tougher our situation will become,"** he foretold. **"Public Sympathy may wear away and, perhaps, hate and prejudice will replace the present tolerance and forbearance."**

Unhappy fulfillment of the warning has already appeared in several ways:

(1) The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors adopted a leaf from the Canadian book, passing a resolution calling for the removal of some 13,000 first generation Japanese aliens from the Los Angeles county to inland areas.

(2) The California Department, American Legion, traditionally anti-Japanese and ultra-patriotic, urged that all Japanese aliens in the state be interned for the duration.

(3) In Seattle, union crew members of the Northern Pacific Railway threatened a strike, unless three alien Japanese employees of years' standing were fired. In a resolution they said the Japanese employees wer "enemies."

(4) In Portland, the City Council adopted a resolution refusing to re-issue trade licenses to aliens of axis countries, including 52 Japanese American merchants.

(5) In Los Angeles, the County Supervisor took drastic action, firing 56 second generation employees, saying it was impossible to distinguish between the loyal and disloyal. The City itself took similar action against its 39 American-born employees, but they were allowed to take leaves of absence for the duration of the war.

(6) The War Department in Washington ordered the removal by February 24, of all axis nationals from areas surrounding vital defence centres and war industries. In addition to areas already established, the removal order will apply to 2 others in the eight western states.

Secretary Mike Masaoka, apparently, called the cards.

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Battle Goes On

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Serious labor shortages are opening up possible outlets for Japanese Canadian workers who are removed from coastal "protected areas", so that in addition to road projects, private industry and agriculture may absorb considerable numbers of the "removees."

In a surprise vote the British Columbia Fruit Growers' convention voted Thursday in favour of allowing Japanese to be brought to the Okanagan to help handle the fruit crop.

Ontario Wants Workers

Labour shortages in Ontario have prompted lumber companies in Cochrane in northern Ontario to ask the Federal Government to transfer some of the Japanese removed from Pacific Coast areas to this district.

It is believed that those removed in this way would be hired by private industry under supervision of the R.C.M.P. and details of possible employment may shortly be given out.

Politicians Argue

At the same time the government's policy in respect to the local Japanese question came under fire in the House of Commons, where Howard Green, M.P., Vancouver, lashed out at the inadequacy of Pacific Coast defences. The Conservative member from Point Grey scored the government for its delay.

His attack was seconded by George Cruickshank, Liberal M.P. Chilliwack, who told the House that "If conditions are allowed to continue as they have been allowed to continue in the Far West everybody out there will be speaking Japanese."

Surprise Vote

The Okanagan vote, favoring the import of Japanese labor came as the big surprise of the growers' convention. In the face of opposition from the southern end of the valley, as well as from Hon. K. C. MacDonald, Provincial minister of agriculture, the acute labor shortage prompted the resolution that the "Dominion government be requested to supply alien labor, properly supervised . . . and that a representative from the labor department be sent to the Okanagan to investigate the situation."

In the discussion, it was pointed out that aliens under guard might be better than citizens who came to work voluntarily, since they would not be permitted to remain in the "blessed valley."

Col. W. H. Moody, Kelowna, and A. L. Baldock, Rutland, asked for a "square break" for Japanese Canadian citizens.

Boat Owners, Buyers To Agree Themselves

Individual negotiation between owner and prospective buyer will be maintained as far as possible in placing the Japanese Canadian fishing fleet to other hands, according to a statement issued by A. E. McMaster, secretary of the Vessel Commission.

If an agreement is reached between owner and buyer, it must be submitted to the commission for approval. If an agreement cannot be reached, the commission will arbitrate the differences. It will also help buyers contact owners.

New Westminster sources reported that a number of the boats have been towed to shipyards to repair damage to hull and engine caused by mishandling. A number of sunken boats were lifted from the bottom by the Fisheries snag-puller.

Fishing companies are receiving prior rights of purchase in the transfer.

Filipino Swings At Nisei, Punches Pal

SEATTLE. — (Great Northern)—What started out to be a race riot between two Filipinos and a Nisei hotel clerk turned into a slapstick movie at a Yesler Way hotel.

Two Filipinos told the clerk, Haruo Fujino, they didn't like Japanese, and they didn't like the tone of his voice when he mentioned they had been drinking.

Fujino replied, "I'm sorry, but I'm busy. I can't be bothered." Whereupon one of the Filipinos swung his fist in a roundhouse punch. Agile Fujino ducked. Like in the "Movin' Pitchers," the first Filipino's fistful of fingers connected with the other Filipino's nose.

That ired the second Filipino and he immediately drew a knife from his pocket and started after the poor clerk. Arrival of the police put a stop to further complications.

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• **Hompa Kindergarten Classes Open New Term Feb. 2nd**

A new term with new classes will begin at the Hompa Buddhist Temple next Monday, February 2. Young children from three years up to school age will be welcomed into the classes.

• **Meirokai Thanks**

The Meirokai acknowledges with hearty thanks the generous donation of $5 by Mrs. Harry Adachi (nee Sumie Pat Kawajiri) on the event of her recent marriage.

Also for her very active interest and capable leadership in the Meirokai, the club wishes to express its deep appreciation.

• **A.O.T.S. Night**

Beautifully colored movies filmed by Mr. Nakagawa were the centre of interest Tuesday night, when the Powell A.O.T.S. men's club were hosts to church workers. President Leslie Rimes of the A.O.T.S. council spoke briefly, and Katsushi Kumagai rendered several solos.

• **Kitsilano Y.W.B.A.**

With unanimous approval of the decision to carry on as usual the members of the Kitsilano Y.W.B.A. opened the new term at their twelfth annual general meeting on Sunday, January 18, at the Kitsilano Buddhist Hall.

It was decided to continue the personal savings plan by which each member put aside fifty cents each month. A donation of $10 was to be made to the Red Cross. In the elections that followed, Hisae Omoto was re-elected president of the body. After the meeting the members adjourned to Fuji Chop Suey for dinner.

Following are the results of the elections: President, Hisae Omoto; vice-president, Chizue Yoshida; Japanese secretary, Ayako Tehara; English secretary, Fujiko Mori; treasurer, Chieko Nishizaki, Mary Shimizu; auditors: Fumi Yamada, Tokiko Kadonaga; special convenor, Fusako Mori; sport convenor, Shizuko Mori and counsellors, Masae Omote, Harue Hori and Fusae Hori.

calendar

FEBRUARY

2—Red Cross Unit Work Night, Tairiku Hall.
5—Red Cross Unit Annual General Meeting, Tairiku Hall, 2.30 p.m.
9—Powell Y.P. Badminton Club Roller Party, Happyland.
14—St. Valentine's Dance, U.B.C. Brock Hall, 9-12 p.m., Ten-Piece Band, $1.25 Couple.

Special Services At Church Sunday

Holy Cross

Sunday, February 1: 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion; 9:45 Church School and Bible Classes; 11:00 a.m. Holy Communion and sermon; 2 p.m. English service and address; 7:30 p.m. Evening Prayer and sermon.

Powell United

At 11 a.m. the congregation will join in the 15th annual International Communion Service, to be held at the First United Church, Gore Avenue and East Hastings. Rev. Andrew Roddan will preach, and the ministers of Japanese and Chinese Churches will assist in the Communion.

At 7:30 p.m. Junior Church services: "Christian Debtorship" by Rev. K. Shimizu. Katherine Shimotakahara will be soloist. Choir will render "All Creatures of our God and King" and "Crossing the Bar." There will be an installation of the Y.P.S. officers for this year.

Fairview Mission

Church School at 10.00 a.m.; Public Worship service at 2 p.m. "Strengthened in the Inward Man" by Rev. K. Shimizu.

The Board of Session and the Committee of Stewards of the Junior Church meet immediately after the service.

Church of Ascension

The monthly Young People's and Sunday School teachers' combined Holy Communion will take place at 8:30 a.m. All English - speaking communicants are especially urged to attend and receive the sacraments.

All members of the church are asked to turn out to the morning service at 11 a.m. Rev. G. Nakayama will preach on the topic, "Christian Loyalty."

There will also be a special Junior Church committee meeting at 11 a.m. at the usual place.

The regular Junior Church and Sunday School services will take place at 10 a.m. And at 7:30 p.m. Rev. W. H. Gale will be in charge of the Evensong.

New Kindergarten Classes Monday

New classes for young children will open at the Powell United Church and Fairview Mission. Kindergartens next Monday, February 2.

Classes are held at 10 a.m. in Fairview and at 1 p.m. at Powell Street, and parents wishing to enrol their children may attend at these times.

Miss Gwen Sutty is in charge at Powell and Miss Helen Hurd at Fairview. Further information may be secured from them at Highland 4052 or 652 Keefer Street.

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A.R.P., Badminton, Lecture Confused

Things weren't quite what they should have been last night at the G.V.A.A. badminton match at the Strathcona gym. The game was O.K. Niseiville's Strathconas erased the Woodsonians as usual but the arrival of some 300 ARP wardens in the midst of the proceedings caused some fun.

The wardens were scheduled to have a meeting in the Strathcona Auditorium last night to receive instructions in fire-fighting and so on. So accompanied by two firemen as instructors they arrived to find badminton upstairs and a meeting of the League of Frontiersmen downstairs, which of course made them feel swell.

The badminton gang went into a huddle immediately and decided that war workers should have priority and offered to cancel the bird game. In the meanwhile, however the wardens had held a "What-the h—l are we going to do" meeting and had said "Oh nuts, let's go home" so that the shuttlers' offer was not taken up.

Which is why the morning sheet has some swell publicity about the Japanese-Canadian badminton players.

(It's all right, Scott, MacKenzie turned up too for a nonexistent meeting last night.)

Musical and Thriller at Dominion Theatre

George Gershwin's "Lady Be Good", starring Eleanor Powell, Ann Sothern, Robert Young, and John Carroll is the top half of a super quality double bill which starts Monday at the Dominion Theatre. This M.G.M. production is based on the Broadway musical of the same name and is the story of a husband and wife song-writing team. Eleanor Powell's tap dancing, and songs by Miss Sothern and Carroll make it a sparkling feature. Others in the brilliant supporting cast are Lionel Barrymore and Red Skelton, M.G.M.'s new radio comedy sensation.

The other half of the double bill is ably covered by Edward G. Robinson in "Unholy Partners" featuring Larraine Day and Edward Arnold. It is a gangster - newspaper melodrama with Robinson who is famous for his portrayal of Editor Steve Wilson of the "Big Town" show on the radio, as a crusading newspaperman.

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CAPITAL CITY CHATTER

BY STAFF CORRESPONDENT

ictoria.—The members of United Church Y.P.S. were ated to some very interest- moving pictures at the urch Hall last Tuesday eve- ng. Miss Willows, with ose compliments the pic- es were shown, gave a run- g account of the places vis- d during her world cruise a w years ago. Grace was ndered by both Rev. R. Ogu- and Miss Willows. President r. Sam Okamoto of the Y.P. thanked Miss Millows on half of all those present.

Harold Kawasbe was on the k list for a few days with injured hip, but we are glad report that he is well on the ad to full recovery and ex- ects to be back playing bas- etball for the J.C.C.L. squad on.

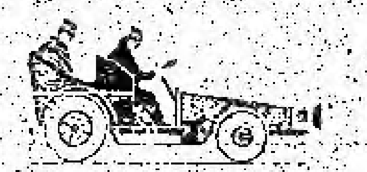
Are the localities taking a fling at another great winter pastime? — Friday last, found an energetic group of them "rolling" in quest of the elusive pins at the **Arcade Bowling Alleys here.** Although still "in the green" they made a very creditable showing, as following results show.

Jack Henmi	223	178—401
Yacko Henmi	107	187—294
Yuki Joi	97	137—234
Mary Okamoto	87	143—230
Hadille Okamoto	86	130—216
Sam Kawahara	284	211—495

The speakers for the Taiyo **Club meeting,** to be held some time in the very near future, will be: **Mitsuo Kawasoe, Jimmy Shimizu, Stum Shimizu and Muss Okamoto.**

Mr. Bill Isoki, active member of the Chemainus J.C.C.L. executive dropped into town on business earlier this week.

YAMA TAXI



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Beavers Bounce JC in Capital City Casaba

Victoria.—The Beavers chalked up their first win in four starts by taking the J.C. C.L. quintet into camp by a 40-36 score last Thursday night. The score at half-time was 22-14 with the Beavers leading.

Terry Uyede with 18 points and Ken Kuwabara with 14 led the Beavers to victory, while for the losers Jimmy Shimizu was high man with 14.

The junior game found the Thunderbolts carrying their 2 point first-half advantage to the finish to eke out a close 22-20 victory over the Winged Hearts. The half-time score being 12-10 in favor of the winners.

The senior game was marred by a slight accident; Stum Shimizu of the Beavers hitting the floor heavily early in the second half and aggravating an old ankle injury.

Beavers:—T. Uyede 18, T. Shimizu 14, K. Kuwabara 14, M Kawasoe 2, P. Hasegawa, G. Saito 2.—Total 40.

J.C.C.L.—Muneo Kawasoe, J. Shimizu 14, T. Kuwabara 10, M. Okamoto 2, H. Morita 10.—Total 36.

Thunderbolts:—M. Uyede 10, H. Morita 6, O. Shimizu 6, S. Nagao, G. Nakamura.—Total 22.

Winged Hearts:—G. Saito 4, B. Henmi 4, J. Mori 2, S. Uyede 10, S. Nagao, S. Takata—Total 20.

Senior Standing

Taiyos	2	0
J.C.C.L.	1	2
Beavers	1	2

Junior Standing

Thunderbolts	3	1
Winged Hearts	1	3

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Ping-Pong Parade

Director "Bing" Tanaka's table tennis loop is hitting the home stretch seriously this week. Only two more scheduled games remain before the playoffs.

Taking a big lead in the senior division cup race is the strong threesome from the Mikado Club, with Tairiku and Fairview three points behind in second slot.

In the junior division Kitsilano is setting a stiff pace with 5 wins and a loss by default.

The remaining games on the schedule are listed below:

SENIORS

January 30—
Fairview vs. Mikado.
G.Y.K. vs. Tairiku.
Union-bye.

February 6—
Fairview vs. G.Y.K.
Union vs. Tairiku.

February 13—
Mikado vs. Union.
Fairview vs. Tairiku.
G.Y.K.-bye.

JUNIORS

February 1—
Mikado vs. Kitsilano.
New Team vs. Tairiku.
Maikawa vs. Meiwa Gakuen.
Union-bye.

February 8—
Kitsilano vs. Maikawa.
Meiwa Gakuen vs. Tairiku.
Mikado vs. Union.
New Team-bye.

February 15—
Union vs. New Team.
Mikado vs. Meiwa Gakuen.
Tairiku vs. Maikawa.
Kitsilano-bye.

This year G.V.A.A. Strathconians are giving a good account of themselves in the city league. Last night the local reps polished off the Woodsonians 13 to 3. Strathcona is now leading the four-team loop with three wins, no losses and one tie.

Men's doubles section, Johnny Tanaka-Mas Matsui and "Mat" Matsui-Hideo Oshimo proved too good for the Woodsonian men's and made a clean sweep of their games.

The ladies' doubles, Fumi Deshima and hard-smashing Lucy Fujimagari, were invincible in the ladies' section taking two games, but Teiko Ide and Chiyo Hyodo, substitutes for the evening dropped one game.

Mixed duos "Mat" Matsui-Fumi Deshima and Hideo Oshimo-Teiko Ide lost one game apiece.

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MEN'S DOUBLES

Tanaka-M. Matsui bt. Hodgson-Cumming (21-11) and Kennedy-Cousins (21-15); Y. Matsui-Oshimo bt. Kennedy-Cousins (21-18) and Hodgson-Cumming (21-11).

MIXED DOUBLES

Tanaka-Lucy Fujimagari bt. Cousins-Frances Leiper (15-2) and Kennedy-Bessie Crowl (15-8); Y. Matsui-Fumi Deshima bt. Cousins-F. Leiper (15-9); M. Matsui-Chiyo Hyodo bt. Cumming-Grace Lufkin (15-9) and Hodgson-Grace Friend (15-10); Oshimo-Teiko Ide bt. Cumming-Lufkin.

Kennedy-Bessie Crowl bt. Y. Matsui-Fumi Deshima (15-9); Hodgson-Grace Friend bt. Oshimo-Teiko Ide (15-6).

LADIES' DOUBLES

Fumi Deshima-Lucy Fujimagari bt. Grace Friend-Frances Leiper (15-2) and Grace Lufkin-Bessie Crowl (15-11); Teiko Ide-Chiyo Hyodo bt. Grace Friend-Frances Leiper (15-9).

G. Leiper-B. Crowl bt. T. Ide-C. Hyodo (15-11).

BOWLING

STANDING

	W	L
Singers	15	6
Kick Backs	13	8
Giants	13	8
Maple Leafs	11	10
Lucky Strike	11	10
Tanaka Bros.	10	11
Asahis	10	11
Five Aces	8	12
East Enders	8	13
Screwballs	6	15

MONDAY'S SCHEDULE

(15-16) Tanaka Bros. vs. Maple Leafs

Kozai	180	Mas Endo	179
Goromara	171	G. Kubota	149
Tanaka	133	Sonoda	175
S. Ebata	139	Tanaka	193
Oiizuka	185	T. Ono	196
Total	808	Total	892

Handicap—Maple Leafs 11 Pins.

(17-18) Singers vs. Giants

C. Ebata	178	Yamashita	193
Hamakawa	196	A. Kutsu'ke	176
J. Fukui	170	Wakaba'shi	165
Yanag'zawa	177	R. Hayashi	199
Tebara	215	Isoshima	223
Total	936	Total	956

Handicap—Singers 14 Pins.

(19-20) Asahi vs. Five Aces

Yamamura	200	J. Koyama	209
Shishido	190	Geo. Sato	167
R. Okuda	202	S. Kubota	165
K. Kutsu'ke	176	Nosuye	183
Kamiishi	154	T. Kondo	220
Total	959	Total	944

Handicap—Fice Aces 11 Pins.

(21-22) Screwballs vs. Lucky Strike

Hy Nose	155	T. Kutsu'ke	154
Miyazawa	149	S. Okawara	188
G. Nishino	154	G. Kutsu'ke	184
Y. Nishimura	140	H. Kutsu'ke	169
R. Masui	163	G. Tsujikawa	203
Total	761	Total	934

Handicap—Screwballs 121 Pins.

(23-24) East Enders vs. Kick Backs

Kanashiro	168	R. Fujimoto	196
Kitamura	177	Tets Mori	179
M. Sugie	172	Wakaba'shi	192
M. Nishimura	166	S. Fujita	200
Koyanagi	193	M. Sugamori	195
Total	876	Total	962

Handicap—East Enders 60 Pins.

Steveston On Rampage

Marpole Evens Score With Maikawas

Maikawa's and Marpole's deadly rivalry for the senior crown was evident Wednesday night when Marpole nosed out the department store boys 33-32. The score now stands at one win apiece for the two well-balanced quintettes.

In the frenzied last minute scramble Maikawa's missed at least ten chances of overtaking the Miike-men. Joe Akiyama missed a couple of sitters, two free shots, George Suzuki repeated. Kaz Suga carried on.

In the high-scoring intermediate curtain raiser, Steveston finally hit the pace and blasted Celtics 53-40.

Dave Naruse, hard-working tip-off man led Steveston scoring 20 points. S. Minamimai led the losers

Marpole—Fukamoto 1; S. Miike 12; J. Miike 10; K. Hori 2; Shimoda 3; Nakagawa; Fujioka 2—33.

Maikawa—Akiyama 9; Suzuki 11; Suga; Kaz Suga 4; Wakabayashi 6; Yanagizawa 2—32.

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Steveston—H. Mukai 4; K. Mukai 5; Miyashita 6; D. Naruse 20; Nakade; Niwatsukina; Oda 10; K. Naruse 1; M. Mori 7—53.

Celtics—Sasaki 9; T. Kano 2; S. Kano 4; Minamimai 18; Kudonaga 5; Miki 2—40.

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HOOP SCHEDULE

Saturday, January 31:
6.00—Hurricane-Nomads.
7.00—Marpole-Monarchs.
8.00—Tammy's-Comets.

Tuesday, February 3:
7.00—Marpole-Hurricanes.
8.00—Tuxis-Steveston.
9.00—Monarchs-Nomads.
7.30—Vegas-Higbies (Kind Ed.).

Wednesday, February 4:
7.30—Shibuyas-Marpole.
8.30—Maikawa-M. & N.

Vegas Win In Play-off Prelim.

Vegas wound up a tough season last night at the King Ed Gym by trouncing the Intermediate A Angelus Hotel 31-49. The reps finished the year with 4 wins and 6 losses.

Next Tuesday night at 7:30 a two-out-of-three Int. B playoffs start with the Higbies. Come out and root for the boys. Your support will be appreciated.

Sakai Tsukamoto, Kenny Miyazaki and Sub Miike supplied the scoring punch last night by potting 9, 7 and 6 points respectively.

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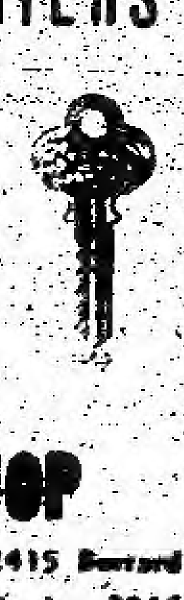

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THE GROUND WE STAND ON

BY GEORGE TANAKA

TO this Canadian Land, whence first we saw the light of day, came our Fathers and our Mothers. This Land of all our consideration.

Let it be said—that in our hearts we know no other Land. That in our pursuit of living, of work and study, we may retain sight of one privilege—to life in the entirety—the Whole. Let the green earth make a touch within us, that we may take joy in all Beauty. And accept the trodden feet, our fellow Canadians', that reach toward us in faith. We shall give return. Our heart and all our skills. That we may never fail to humble ourselves to that precious thing called *Truth*.

In the framework of this *Democracy* we have *Liberty*. This *World Cataclysm*, in which we fight, to retain growth of that liberty, is the symbol out of which comes a spirit that urges us, urges all men of humane being, to overcome *Evil*, in this *Time* that is the *Present*.

Yet we struggle also for a Future dedicated by the Progress and Thinking we mak—in a Past.

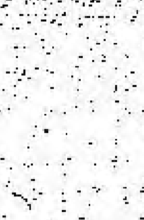
The Future before us is one all decent men strive to uphold. *A World of unlimited co-operation; green and bright with understandment.* Canada, too, fights for a place in that World. We may not reach so high a goal. But we of this generation, in the many Lands, shall go far toward that goal before we find our lives near ending. Can we make this knowledge a conviction? Take it.

Second Generation, and I am one too, there is a long, long road ahead of us. It is a road which few have made step. It is the vision into the Future which we make within our young minds. Take courage and strength from this vigorous spirit. We are under abnormal strain of mind, knowing not what lies ahead. Come out with unflinching confidence. Stride out to meet those things we must accept. Then, with an inward peace stronger than the mightiest weapon, you can face any man—and say—I did in thought and action, the fine and right thing in truth, you cannot fail to see it.

Make the minds we own work for us by habit. Give it knowledge in adulthood, that it may know circumference. By the earning of our daily bread we acquire some skills. Elaborate those skills and unto them connect skills of craftsmanship. They will be appreciated in the future. They command respect. Find your place in the Arts. Do not be afraid to take your young genius in your hands to seek knowledge. You need co-operative assistance. You ask only for a fair living, that you may give to others, to all, the beauty of your creative endowment. Unlimited co-operation—in self-education, in the skills, in professions, in the labours. These are some of the many roads that lead but one way. Understandment amongst ourselves; understandment with our generation in the many Lands.

For then you will find a respect coming to you whence only you were seeking your own. That is our vision. Reach it. Then, and then only, can we ask with complete justification for the full rights of Canadian citizenship.

For and always, the ground we own is the ground we stand on.



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THE FORTRESS OF SINGAPORE

(By William Henry Chamberlin in the Christian Science Monitor)

Singapore was the strongest British air base in the Orient—in 1936—and maneuvres of the Imperial land, air, and sea forces—drawn from places as far apart as Hong Kong, India, and Iraq—held shortly after my visit in that year were accompanied by a verdict that Singapore could be pronounced reasonably safe from attack. In retrospect I have sometimes wondered whether the building the Singapore base did not create a kind of Maginot-mindedness both in Great Britain and in the British Far Eastern possessions. Obviously Britain has not equipped the airdromes there with planes enough to maintain air superiority.

Singapore is an admirable piece of naval construction as the forts of the Maginot Line were models of military engineering. But experience indicates that it is unwise to put all one's strategic hopes in one basket.

About the time I visited Singapore one of the most brilliant and clear-sighted British generals, Sir Ian Hamilton, was sounding a note of warning, little heeded at the time: "The road of the Emperor of Japan is clearly marked—Hankow, Hong Kong, Singapore, Bhamo, Assam, Bengal. Nothing less than Europe can definitely hold up that army. . . . A land army can lay siege to and capture Singapore, exactly as Port Arthur was captured."

Sir Ian is one of the few military prophets who, in this case at least, achieved a high level of accuracy. Certainly at the time of my visit, and apparently much later, Singapore was thinking almost exclusively in terms of sea and air attack... The Malayan jungle was considered a bulwark. But there are jungles in Formosa and Hainan Island, and the Japaanese seem to have launched their Malayan offensive with troops well trained in jungle conditions.

Singapore Island, which is about twenty-seven miles long and fourteen miles wide, is separated from the southern tip of the elongated Malay peninsula by the narrow Strait of Johore, and it is on this Strait that the main installations of the base are tucked away, relatively safe from sea attack (the entrance to the Strait of Johore is commanded by long-range shore batteries at the town of Changi), but definitely exposed if the Japanese overland advance should carry them all the way to the Strait of Johore.

The two most impressive features of the base are the enormous graving dock, 1,000 feet long and 130 feet wide, completely surrounded by concrete walls and deep enough to handle any ship afloat. There is also a huge floating dock, third largest in the world, which had to be towed there in parts.

Singapore was one of the biggest stations in the Orient for civil as well as for military aviation. It was a transit point for the British, French and Dutch air lines that maintained services from Europe to the Far East and one could board an airplane at Singapore for such varied destinations as London, Paris, and Amsterdam, in the West, and Hong Kong, Saigon, Batavia, and Melbourne, in the East. One hopes he may do so again.

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NETA SADLER

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Dear Sir: . . . Keep up the good work—and whenever you feel blue—think of all the decent people in our world today who want us to remember that they are our friends—true friends.

I. G.

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Too Hard Words . . .

Editor, The New Canadian—Dear Sir: One of the bette features of your newspaper the really solid educational ticles you carry such as the one on labour unions, public health, etc. As one of the common working class, I sure appreciate them.

One complaint, though. think you use too many hard words for average readers like myself. Especially these days when our parents are trying their hardest to follow the news about the Japanese situation in B. C. in your paper.

They get their children explain this and that article news to them, or even use the dictionaries. But there are too many big words, they can't understand what you're trying to say.

In one or two families know who subscribe to your paper (and some of my friends tell me the same thing) the children are still in their early teens so that I'm sure they would get much more out of the New Canadian if you would avoid too many long words.

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